

## **December 18, 2008 Update**

Adult Therapeutic Foster Homes, a subclass of Behavioral Health Service Agencies are regulated by A.R.S. Title 36, Chapter 4 and Title 9, Chapter 20, Article 15 of the Arizona Administrative Code. The Department believes that amendments to these rules will clarify licensee requirements and will benefit both the homes and recipients of the services provided by the homes.

To achieve the goal of improved Adult Therapeutic Foster Homes Rules, the Department met with members of the regulated community and other interested persons for their comments and feedback about the draft rules. The Department concluded these meetings at end of May.

The Department has posted draft rules on the Office of Administrative Counsel and Rules website, [http://www.azdhs.gov/diro/admin\\_rules/index.htm](http://www.azdhs.gov/diro/admin_rules/index.htm). The Department planned to publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking with the Office of Secretary of State in December 2008. However, the Department has delayed the filing of this Notice until January 2009 to resolve an issue with the application requirements that arose because of recent legislation.

If you have questions about the Adult Therapeutic Foster Homes rulemaking, please contact Jessica Johnson at [johnsojm@azdhs.gov](mailto:johnsojm@azdhs.gov) or 602-542-1513.